

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF BOSCOV'S

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2014*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in partnership with my colleagues, Representative CHARLIE DENT, Representative PAT MEEHAN, and Representative JOE PITTS, to recognize Boscov's, one of the nation's largest family-owned department store chains, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Boscov's, headquartered in Berks County, Pennsylvania, was founded by Solomon Boscov in 1914 at 9th and Pike Streets in Reading, Pennsylvania. Solomon emigrated to the United States in 1911, purchased \$8 worth of merchandise, and traveled on foot through Lancaster and Berks Counties selling his wares. Within a year, he had saved enough to purchase a horse and wagon and increase his inventory.

From these humble beginnings, Boscov's has grown to a chain of 43 stores in 6 states with a yearly revenue of over \$1 billion. Currently headed by Solomon's son, Albert, who serves as Chairman and CEO, Boscov's is one of the last family-owned department store chains in the United States. In addition to offering fine merchandise at outstanding value, Albert Boscov has been a tireless advocate for the Greater Reading area and his devotion to the community, through civic and charitable activities, is unrivaled. Throughout its long and storied history, Boscov's has exemplified the notion that quality never goes out of style. And Albert has exemplified the principle of corporate leaders being involved in their community's life and reaching beyond the company office to help those in need.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of its 100 years of faithful service to its customers and community, I and my Pennsylvania colleagues ask that the House join us today in recognizing Boscov's on the exciting occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2014*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,991,068,498,107.32. We've added \$7,364,191,449,194.24 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE DESERT VISTA  
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS  
COUNTRY TEAM

**HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2014*

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Girls Cross Country Team of Desert Vista High School in Phoenix, Arizona, home of the Thunder. On November 8, 2014, the team won the Division One State Championship in Cross Country, and the team's captain, Senior Dani Jones, set a new course record for Arizona.

This year, for the first time in Desert Vista High School history, the team qualified for the Nike Cross Nationals, a meet that brings together the fastest high school cross country teams and individuals from around the country. On Saturday December 6, 2014, the team took 5th place at this meet, and Dani Jones took 3rd place in the individual category.

This past year, I have had the great honor of running with the team during their early morning practices. The focus, dedication and spirit of these exceptional young women are inspiring.

Congratulations to the Desert Vista High School Girls Cross Country Team, to Team Captain Dani Jones, and to Head Coach Jeff Messer and his dedicated coaching staff. This amazing team consists of exceptional young female athletes, dedicated coaches, and supportive parents.

I am very proud to represent the students and families of Desert Vista High School, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of these remarkable young women.

HONORING MR. TONY ROACH

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable American Soldier, Sergeant First Class Tony Roach, a resident of Shaw, Mississippi.

Sergeant First Class Roach entered the Army Reserves on February 9, 1990, and completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training as an armor crewman at Fort Knox, Kentucky directly after graduating from Shaw High School. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. His overseas assignment include Log Base Seitz in Iraq.

SFC Roach was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, OIF 2004–2005, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, OEF 2006–2014. Most recently, he served eight years as an Observer Controller Team Leader at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

SFC Roach has served with overwhelming admiration at every level within a Tank Platoon to include: Tank Gunner, Tank Commander, Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant. He has served as an Interim Observer Controller Team Leader, Battalion Operations Sergeant, and Observer Controller Group Leader.

His military education includes 19K (Tanker) OSUT, 88M (Truck Driver), Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Basic Instructor Course, Recruiting and Retention School, Driver Training Course, Mind Resistant AP Instructor Course.

He furthered his civilian education at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi where he graduated in 1999 with a technical certification in Barbering.

His awards and decorations include: the Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3RD Award), National Defense Service Medal With Bronze Star (2ND Award), Iraqi campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal with Campaign Star, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device (2nd Award).

Sergeant First Class Roach has two daughters: Laliya and Brianna; and one son, Tony Cordale. Sergeant First Class Roach is the son of Freddy Bryant and Gloria Roach and has 6 siblings: Gloria, Dellia, Nicole, Lee, James, and Isaac.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing American Soldier.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAN  
BRUNO CENTENNIAL

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2014*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th birthday of the city of San Bruno, California, a city of about 40,000 residents spreading over 5.5 square miles between the flat lowlands near San Francisco Bay and the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains rising 700 feet above the Pacific Ocean. San Bruno is adjacent to San Francisco International Airport and bestrides the Golden Gate National Cemetery. San Bruno is located in my Congressional District and its scenic beauty and community life make it one of the most beloved cities on the Peninsula.

San Bruno is filled with natural beauty and stunning views of the ocean and bay. It has superb schools, a beautiful main city park, and top-notch businesses. The city has also contributed to popular culture and sports as it is the hometown of actress Suzanne Somers, soprano Luana DeVol, musician Ron "Pigpen" McKernan and three famous baseball players: Wally Bunker, Keith Hernandez and Pablo Sandoval.

Long before the city of San Bruno was incorporated, the Ohlone people lived in a village here named Urebure. In 1769, the area was explored by a Spanish expedition led by Gaspar de Portola, followed by a more extensive exploration by Bruno de Heceta. That second exploration resulted in the naming of San Bruno Creek which eventually gave the community its name.

When Mission San Francisco de Asis was established to the north, much of the land around today's San Bruno became pasture for livestock. Grazing continued even after the decline of the missions.